

In the Specification:

Please **AMEND** the Specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, lines 16 through 24 with the following new paragraph:

The portion of the electrical contacts 122 in the base 104 are formed as female sockets 128 into which corresponding male ~~plugs~~ pins of the fuel injector assembly 102 are inserted. The portion of the electrical contacts 122 in the barrel 126 are formed as male ~~plugs~~ pins 130, so that a mating electrical harness (not shown) of a control assembly may be inserted into the barrel 126 and attached thereto. Although the electrical contact 122 has been described as having male 130 and female 128 ends, it should be understood that the type of connections used with the electrical contact 122 may be altered without departing from the scope of the invention.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, lines 18 through 27 with the following new paragraph:

Additionally, the sleeve 110 ~~is~~ is recessed within the cavity 101, so that its ends are no longer flush with the base's sidewalls 105. This reduces the stress on the outer surface of the base, particularly along the top contoured portion, where cracking or other failure is more likely to occur. The potential for failure at the surface is reduced by moving the contact point of the sleeve 110 with the base portion 104 into the interior of the body of the base portion 104, where its ability to support stress is greater. This phenomenon is explained above with respect to the first embodiment of the electrical connector having a sleeve 110 with tapered ends. It should be understood that the second embodiment of the sleeve 110 also includes tapered ends, but that because the sleeve 110 is already recessed into the interior the base portion body 104, the tapered ends are not required.